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Dr. Berry Lyons
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Dear Dr. Lyons:

Thank you for your recent service on the 2017 GEO Education & Diversity and Polar Special Initiatives Committee of Visitors (COV). Your participation on the COV is critical to NSF's evaluation of programs to determine their impact and/or progress. NSF relies on the judgement of external experts to maintain high standards of program management, to provide advice for continuous improvement of NSF performance, and to ensure openness to the research and education community served by the Foundation.

The COV process assists us in making sure the very best science and science education efforts are administered properly. We recognize that schedules are very hectic and that time is at a premium, which makes us even more appreciative of your participation on the COV (especially near the end of the academic year). Please know that we are grateful for your willingness to share your expertise and that your advice and recommendations will certainly be important in making improvements to the management of the GEO E&D and Polar Special Initiatives programs.

Many thanks again for being an integral part of the COV effort and your service to the science and education communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William E. Easterling".

Dr. William E. Easterling
Assistant Director

Cc: COV Members
Dr. Kip Hodges, AC-GEO Chair